GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA

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Craft Clusters
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any plan to set up craft clusters in the country with innovative design, technology and capabilities for inclusive and sustainable growth;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the number of operational craft clusters in the country including Maharashtra and Gujarat State-wise;

(c) the number of craftsmen operating in the said clusters, State-wise;

(d) whether the Government proposes to set up more such clusters in the country; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the funds likely to be provided for the said purpose, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES
(SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a) to (c): The Government is implementing the scheme of Ambedkar Hastshilp Vikas Yojana (AHVY) in the Country for sustainable development of selected crafts clusters with Design & Technical Upgradation as one of the Component. The details of operating Craft Cluster in the country including in the State of Maharashtra and Gujarat, State-wise, and the number of craftpersons operating in the said cluster is as per Annexure-I & II attached.

(d) & (e): Yes Madam, An advertisement have been released for identified clusters and Crafts of the Country in leading newspapers/ departmental website with a view to expand AHVY Scheme in a large scale. The funds shall be provided on need based requirement of the clusters depending upon the artisan's strength.